# MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD

# VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. via WebEx and Phone Conference.

Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. Roll was called by Executive Officer Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Okina Dor Artesia
Veronica Sanchez (alternate)
Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki
Bellflower

Isabelle Guido (alternate) Central Basin Municipal Water District

Mike O'GradyCerritosGina NilaCommerceEmma SharifComptonMark StowellLa MiradaKelli PicklerLakewood

Diana Tang Long Beach Water Dept.

Lorry Hempe (alternate)

Adriana Figueroa

Kenner Guerrero (alternate)

Lynwood

Paramount

Pico Rivera

Dylan Porter (alternate)

Jesse Serra (alternate)

Gladis Deras (alternate)

Port of Long Beach
Santa Fe Springs
South Gate

Esther Rojas (alternate) Water Replenishment District

Vicki Smith Whittier

#### STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast Executive Officer

Traci Gleason Program Administrative Manager

Kekoa Anderson Funding/Grants Program

Nicholas Ghirelli Legal Counsel

Madeline Chan Central Basin Municipal Water District

Sarina Morales Choate Santa Fe Springs

Derek Nguyen Lakewood

Aimee Zhao Water Replenishment District

Yoshi Andersen Geosyntec Consultants

#### ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

AGENDA ITEM: 6a

# ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

### ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Sharif moved to approve the consent calendar.

The motion was seconded by Director Nila and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Gorecki, O'Grady, Stowell, Pickler, Tang, Hempe, Figueroa, Guerrero,

Porter, Sira, Deras, E. Rojas, Smith.

**NOES:** None.

Dor, Sanchez, Guido, Nila, Sharif (Minutes only). **ABSTAIN:** 

# ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREMEENT WITH CWE CORPORATION RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOS ANGELES UPPER REACH 2 COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM AND PERMIT REPORTING SERVICES

The Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LAR UR2) Watershed group is requesting GWMA to amend the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with CWE Corporation to include LAR UR2 Watershed Management Area (WMA) Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) implementation services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 and semi-annual Watershed Management Program Progress and Annual Permit Reporting through December 31, 2027, and to increase compensation for the additional services.

Director Tang moved to approve the fourth amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between GWMA and CWE Corporation for the LAR UR2 Watershed Group, and to authorize the Chair to execute the fourth amendment to the PSA with CWE Corporation. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and was approved by the following voice vote:

Dor, Sanchez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Sharif, Pickler, Tang, **AYES:** 

Hempe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Sira, Deras, E. Rojas, Smith.

**NOES:** Stowell.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

#### ITEM 7 – GWMA REGIONAL GRANT WRITING UPDATE ORAL REPORT

Yoshi Andersen with Geosyntec Consulting provided the progress update for project development/grant services for recycled water. The information included an updated summary of responses and recycled water funding opportunities. Ms. Andersen then concluded her report by stating that she recommends pursuing the Greater Los Angeles IRWM Round 2 grant opportunity due in the next few months for construction projects that were close to shovel-ready. By general consensus among the board members, staff and Ms. Andersen were directed to move forward with Bell Gardens and Downey because of their project readiness, but requested that Ms. Andersen reach back out to all members that may have recycled projects that are close to 100% design that are not on the list to see if they can be included. The projects will be submitted to the sub-regional IRWM database by September 13th, 2022.

## ITEM 8 - SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM - ORAL REPORT

None.

## ITEM 9 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT

None.

#### ITEM 10 - DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via video conference to meet social distancing recommendations or will be held in person at its regular location at Progress Park in Paramount, depending on recommendations from local and State officials. The physical location or video conference information will be posted with each Board Agenda which can be found at <a href="https://www.gatewaywater.org">www.gatewaywater.org</a> 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Kelli Pickler, Vice-Chair

9-8-2022

Date